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Abuse claims draw RCMP attention

Dark history. Actress Pamela Anderson says she was molested and raped repeatedly while growing up in B.C.

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Actress Pamela Anderson has revealed she was repeatedly sexually abused as a child. Now Ladysmith RCMP are reaching out to her to follow up on her allegations. VALERIE MACON/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Ladysmith RCMP are looking into recent allegations made by actress Pamela Anderson that she was sexually assaulted and gang-raped as a child.

Cpl. Darren Lagan, a spokesman for Island District RCMP, said police are aware of Anderson's recent statements about her childhood in Ladysmith.

"Given the nature of the allegations, an investigator with the Ladysmith RCMP is in the process of reaching out to Ms. Anderson to discuss this matter with her directly," Lagan wrote in an email to Metro.

Out of respect for Anderson's privacy, Lagan said, the RCMP are not commenting further.

The actress and animal-rights activist detailed the alleged abuse she experienced growing up on Vancouver Island during an emotional speech Friday in Cannes, France.

Anderson, who is best known for her role as C.J. Parker on the 1990s TV series Baywatch, was in Cannes to launch the Pamela Anderson Foundation, a charity dedicated to boosting human rights and helping animals and the environment.

"I did not have an easy childhood," Anderson said in her speech, reading nervously from a sheet of paper. "Despite loving parents, I was molested from age six to 10 by my female babysitter.

"I went to a friend's boyfriend's house and when she was busy, the boyfriend's older brother decided he would teach me backgammon, which led in to a back massage, which led in to rape. My first heterosexual experience. He was 25 years old, I was 12."

Anderson went on to describe how her first boyfriend in Grade 9 "decided it would be funny to gang rape (her) with six of his friends."

"Needless to say I had a hard time trusting humans and I just wanted off this earth," she continued.

Although her parents tried to keep her safe, Anderson said, they had their own struggles. Her dad was an alcoholic, she said, and her mom worked two jobs to keep the family afloat.

"My mom was always crying, Dad didn't always come home, leaving us in tremendous pain and worry," she said. "I couldn't bear to give her more disruptive information so I couldn't break her heart any more than it was breaking."

Anderson credited animals and nature for giving her hope to live.

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Throw out Hootsuite conflict case, mayor's lawyer says

In court. Chief Justice Christopher Hinkson reserved his judgment for a later date

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The conflict of interest lawsuit brought against Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson by a political rival has "zero merit" and should be thrown out, the mayor's lawyer argued in B.C. Supreme Court Tuesday.

But it wasn't a slam-dunk argument for the mayor's team, led by renowned lawyer Joe Arvay.

Instead of dismissing the case immediately, as can happen in an application to strike a petition, Chief Justice Christopher Hinkson reserved his judgment for a later date.

The case boils down to the mayor hosting a Twitter town hall to respond to questions from the social media users from Hootsuite's office days before the 2011 election.

Cedar Party mayoral candidate Glen Chernen and nine others (two are running for city councillor) allege that using Hootsuite office space and its computer — albeit through free software and the mayor's own account — amounts to substantial election support and that Robertson therefore had an indirect conflict of interest when he voted to lease a city-owned building to Hootsuite seven months later.

The punishment for conflict of interest is removal from office.

The mayor's lawyer Arvay argued using the social media company's office was at most a campaign contribution and that the mayor in no way has a direct or indirect financial interest in the company.

The case is "frivolous, scandalous, vexatious and an abuse of process" for political gain, Arvay said, adding that Chernen is trying to make an innocent relationship between a mayor and a successful local company look nefarious.

Hootsuite CEO Ryan Holmes and Mayor Gregor Robertson at the company's Vancouver headquarters in 2013.
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But the ongoing "tit-for-tat" relationship amounts to "much more than a campaign contribution," Chernen's lawyer Marco Francesco Lilliu argued, questioning the legitimacy of the $9.3-million real estate deal for the city property.

It's not plain and obvious that the case is an abuse of process, he said in arguing the case should go to trial.

"All that's required is a hint of merit," he said, adding Chernen's top priority is to hold city officials accountable.

But the judge said he'd have to be naive to ignore the politics.

"Clearly if this is a political rival, they're hoping to gain a political advantage," Hinkson said. His judgment could take days or weeks.

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B.C. teachers to picket schools next week

Teachers across the province will begin a rotating strike on May 26, effectively shutting down schools in one of four regions per day, starting with Vancouver, until May 29.

The decision to move to a Stage 2 strike by the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF) was reached after the provincial government presented a "series of threats," according to BCTF president Jim Iker.

"This decision is not taken lightly," Iker said. "It's been to government for two months now."

The province has refused to offer any improvements in terms of class size and composition, have so far proposed unfair wage demands and has attempted to divide teachers away from parents and students, Iker said.

But Education Minister Peter Fassbender said the negotiations have been done in good faith on their side, but they haven't seen it swing the other way.

"People need to remember we've been at this for a year and the government has moved on a number of occasions significantly," he said. "We've not seen a commensurate response from the BCTF."

The government is as frustrated by the move to shut down schools as parents must be, Fassbender added. "This has not been the province of British Columbia, BCPC or the employers that have taken this move," he said. "This is clearly a move by the BCTF."

Starting in Vancouver on Monday, schools will start rotating strikes that are set to continue for as long as necessary.

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Rotating strikes

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Arrest made Friday.
Charges laid in three Oakridge sex assaults

A 25-year-old Vancouver man is facing three charges in connection with a string of alleged sexual assaults in the Oakridge area.

Daniel Simmon Ghoukassian, who is charged with three counts of sexual assault, appeared in provincial court Tuesday morning.

Ghoukassian was arrested Friday afternoon, two days after Vancouver police released a sketch of the suspect.

He was arrested around 5:30 p.m. when an officer patrolling the Cambie Street Corridor found a man matching the description provided by three recent assault victims. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

A composite of the suspect released before the police made an arrest. HANDOUT

The assaults

- The first assault took place May 12 around 5:15 p.m. at West 37th Avenue and Cambie. A 22-year-old woman was pushed into the bushes and sexually assaulted, according to police.
- Around 11 p.m. on May 14, a 19-year-old woman was attacked at West 45th Avenue and Cambie. The third assault took place around 3:30 p.m. May 15 when a 38-year-old woman was attacked at West 42nd Avenue and Cambie.

Pronounced dead in home.
Son charged in death of Tsawwassen senior

A charge has been laid against the son of a senior killed in Tsawwassen on Sunday.

Richard Maranda, 44, of Vancouver has been charged with first-degree murder in relation to the death of his father, 72-year-old Frederick Dale Maranda, according to Delta police.

The suspect is in police custody and is scheduled to appear in Surrey provincial court on Tuesday afternoon.

Paramedics called Delta police to a home in the 4900 block of 5th Avenue around 5 p.m. Sunday.

There, police said the man was pronounced dead.

The accused was arrested within hours away from the scene, according to police. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

A sticky situation on Howe Street

Don't spit your gum on the street — stick it on Douglas Coupland's head.

Not his actual head, of course. Rather, a seven-foot sculpture of the local artist's head has been placed on the Howe Street side of the Vancouver Art Gallery for passersby to place their gum as part of a series of installations by artists from the Pacific Rim.

Coupland describes the project as "a gum-based, crowd-sourced, publicly interactive, social-sculpture self-portrait."

The sculpture is still fenced in, but will be waiting for your chewed gum between May 31 and Sept. 1. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Wait times under fire

Ministry of Health on the defensive.
Study links medical wait times to rise in female death rate

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Lengthy wait times for health care may have contributed to the deaths of thousands of Canadian women, suggests a new study from the Fraser Institute.

The study, released Tuesday, found that growing health-care wait times may have contributed to the deaths of an estimated 44,273 Canadian women between 1993 and 2009, according to the Vancouver-based public policy think-tank.

Looking at data from across Canada, the study authors found that for every one-week increase in wait times for medically necessary elective procedures, three Canadian women died.

Study author Nadeem Esmail, a senior fellow at the Fraser Institute, said the study's findings are a call for health-care reform in Canada.

"To the extent that waiting is unnecessary, these deaths were unnecessary and really a result of poor health policy," said Esmail. "There are better policy approaches out there that can allow for the elimination of lengthy delays for treatment without an increase in funding."

He urged Canadian policy-makers to look to countries like Switzerland, Sweden, Germany and Australia that have a mixed public-private health-care model with shorter wait lists.

The 44,273 deaths represent 2.5 per cent of all female deaths in Canada over the 16-year period, and 1.2 per cent of the total number of both male and female deaths in Canada during the same time frame.

Surprisingly, the authors found no significant link between wait times and male mortality rates.

"That's not to say there isn't one there," said Esmail, adding that possible factors include an increased participation among women in the workforce and differences in access to medical services.

While the B.C. Ministry of Health still needs time to analyze the study properly, a spokeswoman said they are concerned about the "number of assumptions" made by the Fraser Institute in the study — especially considering the wait time information comes from the think-tank's own survey data, which the ministry called "opinion, not science."

In an email, Kristy Anderson wrote that the ministry is committed to improving access and reducing wait times in all areas of health care, and that the province has made significant progress improving access to surgeries.

Citing the recent Wait Time Alliance report card, Anderson wrote that B.C. received an A in hip, cardiac and cataract surgery, and radiology, as well as a B in knee replacement surgery.

B.C. also has no waits for emergency surgeries, she said.

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A few of the dogs originally reported stolen from the back of a dog walker's truck. METRO FILE PHOTO

Bodies of 'stolen' dogs found in ditch

Animal cruelty. It's now believed the dogs were left in a vehicle and overheated

The bodies of six dogs initially reported stolen from the back of a dog walker's truck were found dumped in a ditch in Abbotsford, B.C., says an SPCA spokeswoman.

Lorie Chortyk said the agency retrieved the bodies of the young- to middle-aged dogs and transferred them Tuesday to a lab where necropsies will be done.

The results are expected within a week and will determine how long the dogs were left in a vehicle in Langley, where they are believed to have died in hot weather.

Possible charges

"If you either wilfully or through your actions allow an animal to suffer, that can be a criminal act."

Lorie Chortyk, SPCA spokeswoman

The necropsy results, along with interviews with the dog walker and any witnesses, will be part of the SPCA's report to Crown counsel, which will decide if animal cruelty charges will be laid.

The SPCA took over the investigation on Monday after the dog walker admitted the animals were not stolen.

The woman initially told police and the dogs' owners that she left her vehicle to use the washroom in a dog park and when she returned the dogs were gone.

Chortyk said the SPCA and police deal with hundreds of calls every year involving dogs left in vehicles.

"If you either wilfully or through your actions allow an animal to suffer, that can be a criminal act."

Dogs don't sweat the way we do and can be overcome with heat exhaustion, brain damage or even death in as little as 10 minutes because the temperature in a car can rise quickly, she said.

Animal cruelty charges could be laid under provincial or federal laws, Chortyk said.

RCMP have said the dogs apparently died in the back of the vehicle and they are looking into possible public mischief charges.

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Crown wraps up murder trial against alleged gang members

The Crown has wrapped up its case against two alleged gang members accused of killing six people, including two innocent bystanders, near Vancouver.

Prosecutor Mark Levitz says the Crown called 73 witnesses and tendered 241 exhibits at the trial of Cody Haevischer and Matthew Johnston.

Haevischer and Johnston are each charged with conspiracy and six counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of six men who were found in a high-rise condo in Surrey, B.C., in October 2007.

The Crown alleges the leaders of the Red Scorpions gang sent Haevischer, Johnston and a third man to execute a rival drug trafficker, but they killed five more people to eliminate potential witnesses.

One of the witnesses was Michael Le, one of the founders of the Red Scorpions, who was also on trial until he made a deal with the Crown and pleaded guilty last year.

Lawyers for Haevischer and Johnston plan to make several applications beginning on Friday before revealing whether they intend to call any evidence.

The victims included Corey Lal, who was the alleged target, Lal's brother Michael, Eddie Narong and Ryan Bartolomeo, all of whom had links to gangs and drugs.

The other two victims were fireplace repairman Ed Schellenberg, 55, and building resident Chris Mohan, 22, who were both in the wrong place at the wrong time.

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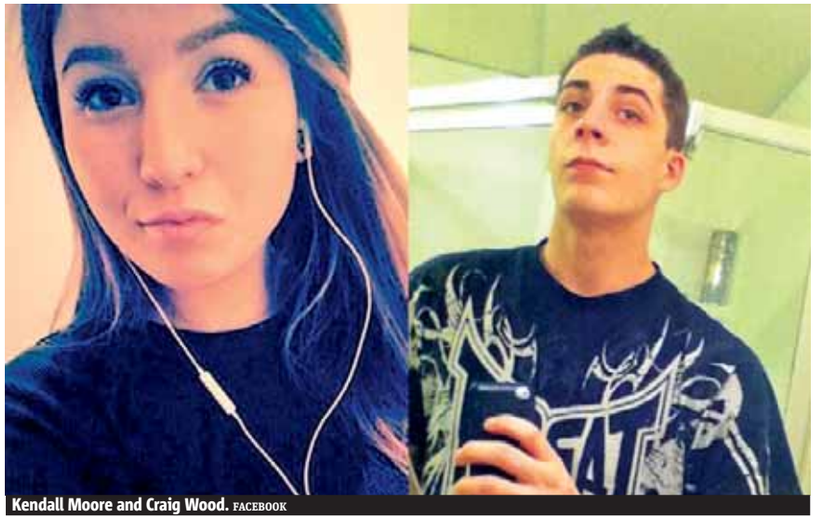

Kendall Moore and Craig Wood. FACEBOOK

RCMP probing deaths of Prince George teens

Tragedy. Rumours and speculation swirling about prom-night incident, but RCMP say they'll determine facts

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Online rumours and speculation are swirling as Mounties search for answers in the death of two Prince George teens at a party early Sunday morning.

RCMP confirmed that locals Kendall Moore, 17, and Craig Wood, 19, died in what they are calling an extremely tragic incident.

An SUV carrying the two teens plunged into the Kwitzil Lake, more commonly known as Gravel Pit Lake, around 4 a.m., according to RCMP. Their bodies were recovered Sunday afternoon.

The lake, located about 40 kilometres outside the city, was the scene of a party attended by hundreds of people, according to RCMP. Saturday night was prom night for local high school D.P. Todd Secondary, where Moore was a senior.

RCMP advised the public that a number of rumours are surfacing on social and traditional media, but that its formal investigation will determine the facts.

"We will do everything we can to determine how and why this tragedy took place," Cpl. Todd Wilson said in a statement. Any enforcement, prevention or awareness actions will occur after police determine what happened.

Post-mortem tests are planned for both youths, along with a forensic investigation and mechanical exam of the 1994 GMC Jimmy.

Anyone who witnessed the incident, spoke to either teen at the lake or who has photo and video images of the incident is asked to call Prince George RCMP. Such information could assist greatly in the investigation.

School District 57 Superintendant Brian Pepper issued a statement saying the gathering at the lake was not connected to any parent or school-sponsored grad event, but that counselling departments at the city's six high schools were preparing to support students returning after the long weekend.

Shawnigan Lake

Dog's shooting death investigated

A small dog was shot and killed in Shawnigan Lake on Sunday, say RCMP.

The dog was shot in the Carlton Drive area of Cobble Hill and had initially survived the wound.

However, the dog had to be put down as a result of the injuries, police said.

"Shawnigan Lake RCMP are requesting the public's assistance in solving the matter," said Const. Jordan Luscombe in a press release.

Anyone with information can call 250-743-5514 or Crime Stoppers to offer information anonymously.

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Northeastern B.C.
NDP leader ventures forth into uncharted territory

New Democratic Party Leader John Horgan is travelling through northeastern B.C. this week, an area where he admits the party needs to attract voters, but he says he's got three years to do the job.

The recently elected NDP leader says he's going to make increasing votes in the northeast one of his priorities for the 2017 provincial election even though he's fully aware the NDP didn't set foot in the territory during the last two election campaigns.

He is visiting Fort St. John, Tumbler Ridge and Prince George in what he says will become regular northern visits.

Horgan is in Prince George Wednesday where he plans to visit a sawmill and a brewery.

Horgan says he's aware the northeastern B.C. communities of Dawson Creek and Fort St. John have been represented provincially by members from the Liberals, Social Credit, Conservative and Reform parties and several Independents since the 1950s, but not a single New Democrat.

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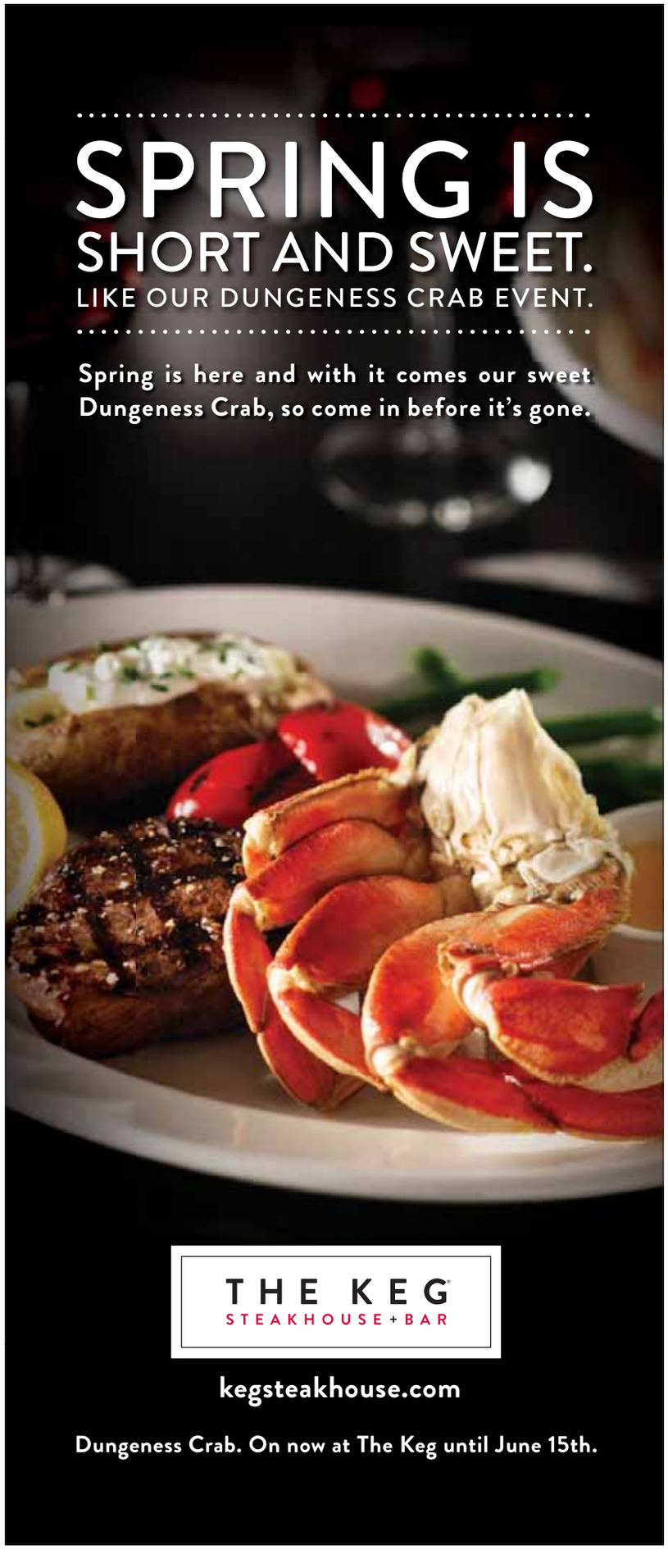
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Campus sculpture satire or bullying?

Capilano University. Instructor furious, not backing down after he says his work was dismantled by the school

Capilano University instructor George Rammell is crying foul at the university board after learning his sculpture of president Kris Bulcroft was not only seized on campus, but dismantled as well.

The piece was designed as a solid, single piece of political satire and the only way to dismantle the thing would be to break it apart, he said.

"A university is supposed to be involved in critical thinking, but the administrators are trying to control what is thought and what is said at this school," Rammell told Metro.

As was first reported on May 14, Cap U board chair Jane Shackell ordered the effigy removed from school property stating it was not an item of satire, but bullying.

A spokesperson with the university confirmed the school dismantled the item in order to remove it from the space, but no details beyond that were available.

An official grievance has been filed against the university by the Capilano Faculty Union about the removal of the sculpture, the school confirmed.

Shackell has offered to return the piece to Rammell under the condition he no longer keeps it on campus, but Rammell is refusing to back down.

"They're only giving it back to me if I give up my rights to work on it on campus," he said. "They think they have the right to only give it back to me if I conform to their rules, but their rules don't make any sense."

The life-sized caricature of Bulcroft was originally created by Rammell in protest to program cuts made by the university board, particularly the arts programs, he said.

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George Rammell's sculpture

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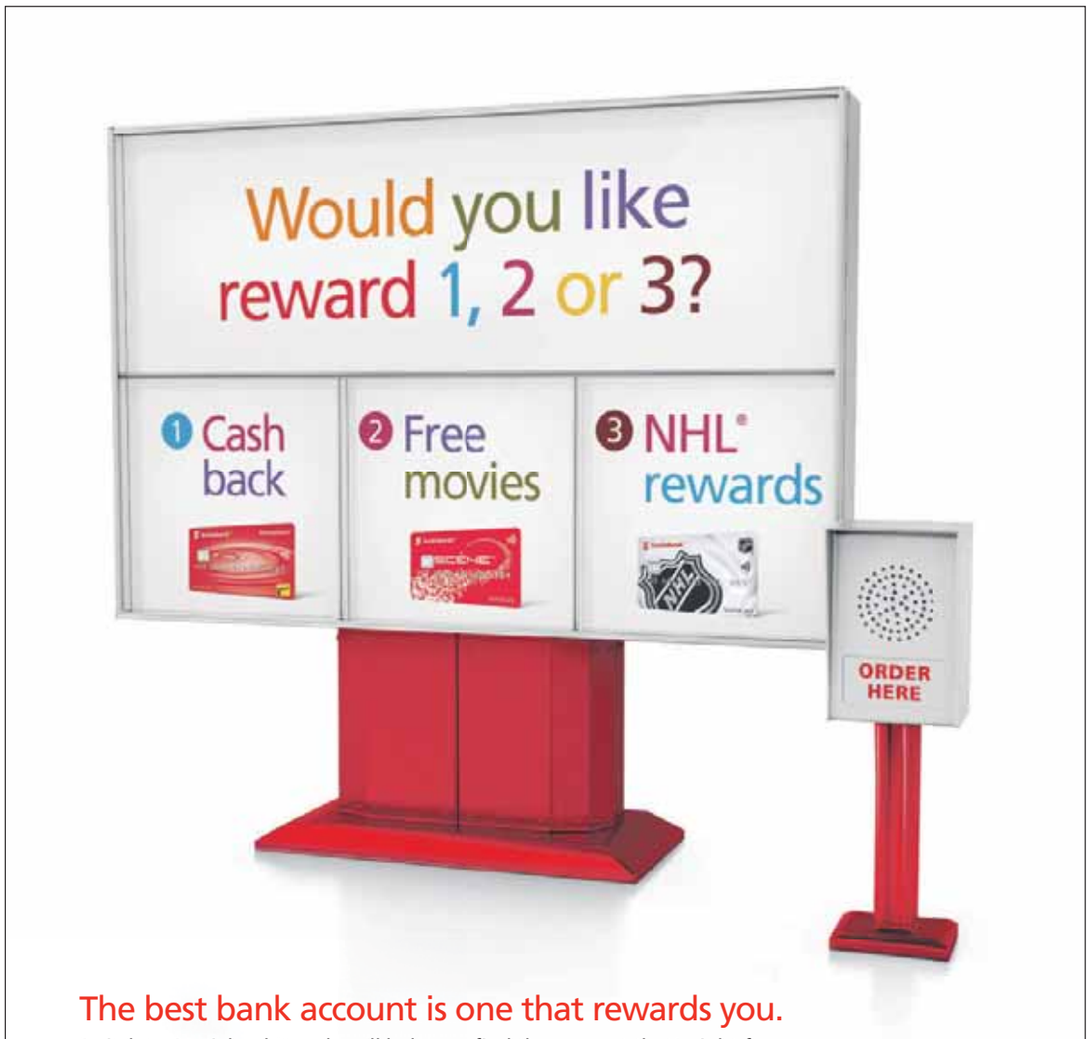

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TFC-837. B.C. Biochem company unlocking the secrets of youth

The fountain of youth may have just been unlocked thanks to a ... fish?

Scientists with Vancouver-based company Sirona Biochem Corp. have successfully extended cell life using a serum derived from a fish found in the Antarctic in the 1960s.

The chemical "anti-aging" compound, known as TFC-837, could potentially be used to not only slow the aging of human skin, but also extend the shelf-life of organs and other pharmaceuticals, according to the company.

"Our studies had us take cells and put them into an environment with no food to survive, and with our chemical compound we were able to stop cells from being killed," said CEO Neil Belenkie. "Basically, we can keep people looking younger for longer."

When it becomes available, using it will be as simple as taking the cream it comes in and applying it directly to the skin, Belenkie said.

"When you look at the anti-aging marketplace you're looking at $300-billion industry," he said.

But beyond keeping skin from aging at its current rate the chemical compound could be used to potentially save lives.

Typically platelet storage lasts for 4 to 5 days, and organ transplants have an even shorter time frame.

Belenkie says TFC-837 can be used to extend those times dramatically, such as platelet storage up to roughly 20 days.

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18 months till youth?

If everything goes perfectly for the company the product could be shipped and available for purchase in the next 18 months.

East Vancouver

Cops get no help from victims after targeted break-in

Vancouver police are trying to unravel the details of what appears to be a possible home invasion that ended with one man suffering a gunshot wound to the leg.

The incident occurred just after midnight Tuesday in an apartment building in Kingsway in east Vancouver.

Sgt. Randy Fincham says officers responded to reports that several people had forced their way into a suite. Fincham says the break-in appears targeted, no arrests have been made and none of the victims is co-operating with police.

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Okanagan Valley

B.C. model aircraft club wins appeal of ruling that grounded planes

A model plane club in B.C.'s Okanagan Valley has won the right to continue flying from a grassy airstrip on agricultural land.

Last October, a judge ruled members of the Kelowna Ogopogo Radio Controllers Association were breaking a municipal bylaw by flying their radio-controlled planes from agricultural-zoned land.

But the B.C. Court of Appeal have overturned that judgment, concluding the club's activities are permitted under the unpaved-airstrip exemption in the bylaw. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Fears erupt in Nigeria as car bombs explode

Twin blasts. Death toll expected to rise beyond the already 118 confirmed dead

Nigeria's emergency agency says twin car bombs that exploded at a bustling bus terminal and market in Nigeria's central city of Jos have killed at least 118 people.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the twin car bombs. But they bore the hallmarks of Boko Haram, the Islamic extremist group that abducted nearly 300 schoolgirls last month and has repeatedly targeted bus stations and other locations where large numbers of people gather in its campaign to impose Islamic law on Nigeria.

The second blast came half an hour after the first, killing some of the rescue workers who had rushed to the scene, which was obscured by billows of black smoke.

Dozens of bodies and body parts were covered in grain that had been loaded in the second car bomb, witnesses said. A Terminus Market official said he helped remove 50 casualties, most of them dead. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not allowed to give information to reporters.

"It's horrifying, terrible," said Mark Lipdo of the Stefanos Foundation, a Christian charity based in Jos, who described the sickening smell of burning human flesh.

A woman's body, her legs blown off and her hand reaching out of the flames, lay on the edge of an inferno consuming other bodies. Another woman, unconscious and wrapped in a brightly coloured cloth, was being carried away in a wheelbarrow on a road strewn with glass shards.

Smoke rises after a bomb blast at a bus terminal in Jos, Nigeria, on Tuesday.
STEFANOS FOUNDATION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boko Haram has claimed other recent bomb attacks, including two separate bomb blasts in April that killed more than 120 people and wounded more than 200 in Abuja, the nation's capital. One bomb went off at a busy bus station.

Militants' attacks have been coming with increasing frequency despite a year-old military state of emergency in three of Nigeria's states to curtail the uprising.

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Boko Haram. Expert says Western help is 'late'

A terrorism expert says western nations, including Canada, are coming late to the game in confronting the extremist group that's seized nearly 300 teenage girls in Nigeria.

The U.S., Britain, Canada, France, Israel and China have all sent teams to the western African country, which has been locked in a deadly struggle with al-Qaida-affiliated Boko Haram for almost a dozen years.

Wesley Wark, one of Canada's foremost experts on international and domestic terrorism, says the recent kidnapping has given the group an international platform and perhaps more notoriety than it deserves.

Washington has acknowledged that it is providing intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support in an international effort to free the girls.

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Uganda

Warlord Kony transfers power to young son

The fugitive African warlord Joseph Kony has handed over command of his group to one of his sons, a Ugandan military official said on Tuesday, an elevation that further marginalizes senior commanders who may threaten Kony's fading authority.

Salim Saleh was born in the 1990s, has spent all his life in the bush and is said to be as ruthless as Kony.

Kony is the subject of an international manhunt involving U.S. forces in parts of Central Africa, where his group — the Lord's Resistance Army — has wreaked havoc over the years in violent rampages that include the abduction of children. The LRA has taken boys who are then forced to become fighters and girls who become sex slaves.

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Prince Charles calls youth to action on global challenges

Royal tour. First in line to the throne visits P.E.I., birthplace of Confederation

Prince Charles says the need to tackle the world's challenges became more evident for him after the birth of his grandson as he highlighted Tuesday the need to harness the creativity of young people to find innovative solutions to those problems.

Known for being outspoken on social and environmental issues, Charles said in a speech in Charlottetown that it's important to see the connections between the planet's challenges and its well-being.

"They all ... rest on the nexus of water, energy and food security and finding common purpose in meeting our common needs," he said.

Charles listed a number of issues facing the world, including the widening gap between rich and poor, the lack of opportunity for women and girls, youth unemployment, deforestation and overfishing after he received an honorary Symons Medal for his contribution to Canadian society.

The Prince of Wales said the birth of his grandson George last year has had an impact on his views. Charles and his wife Camilla were in the middle of a four-day tour of Canada.

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"The health of nature's life-support systems ... has a direct bearing upon the health and well-being of people."

Prince Charles' speech in Charlottetown

Prince Charles and his wife Camilla with actress Katie Kerr portraying Anne of Green Gables in Charlottetown, P.E.I., Tuesday. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Veteran politicians to lead Ukraine mission

Former premier Mike Harris and Conservative Sen. Raynell Andreychuk will lead the independent Canadian mission to observe the Ukrainian presidential election at the end of the month.

Of the 500 people Canada is sending to monitor the vote, 338 will be with the independent election observation mission led by Harris and Andreychuk, said Prime Minister Stephen Harper in a statement Tuesday.

"Canada has been steadfast in its support for Ukraine and we are proud to once again play a role in fostering democracy and good governance at this challenging time in that country," Harper said.

The remaining 162 will participate in observation missions run by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Andreychuk is a Saskatchewan Conservative appointed to the upper house by Brian Mulroney in 1993. A key figure in the Canadian-Ukrainian community, Andreychuk led similar Canadian delegations in 2010 and 2012.

Harris was Progressive Conservative premier of Ontario from 1995 to 2002, winning two majority governments. Harper said Harris will bring insights and expertise from the democratic process and executive leadership.

The Harper government has been a vigorous supporter of Ukraine in the face of Russia's annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and efforts to destabilize other regions of the country.

Harper — who visited Ukraine in March — has been blunt in criticizing Russian President Vladimir Putin's actions against Ukraine. Both he and Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird have portrayed him as a threat to world peace.

Canada has imposed various sanctions against some Russian and Ukrainian individuals and institutions.

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People react during a rally supporting Ukrainian presidential candidate Petro Poroshenko in Uman, Ukraine, on Tuesday. The presidential vote in Ukraine is scheduled for May 25. CEFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Academic debate. U of S students back ousted prof over proposed cuts

Some students at the University of Saskatchewan are calling for the school's president to resign amid a controversy over budget cuts and a professor's firing.

The students planned to rally Tuesday afternoon against a proposed overhaul they say has ignored faculty and student opinion.

"We want to see the current leadership of the administration gone. That means the president specifically," said rally organizer Nick Marlatte. "On top of that, the board of governors definitely needs to, in some way, show that they've been held accountable,"

Marlatte acknowledged that some cuts have to be made to avoid a deficit, but he said changes are "being forced through" by administration at the top.

"They provided consultation, but I would say it was at best an exercise in consultation," he said.

"There seems to have been no meaningful ... student involvement. On top of that, faculty really isn't involved in any sort of decision making, not importantly or not significantly, at least."

Marlatte said firing Robert Buckingham last week as head of the School of Public Health and stripping him of tenure was the tipping point.

Buckingham was escorted from campus by police last Wednesday after writing a letter to the Saskatchewan government and Opposition New Democrats about the overhaul.

"There's been an outcry in terms of the manner in which the administration is willing to deal with faculty and really try to silence any sort of academic freedom here on campus by silencing any dissenters to the process," said Marlatte.

The cuts are part of a bigger goal to address a projected $44.5-million deficit in the school's operating budget by 2016.

Just minutes before the board meeting Monday night, Brett Fairbairn, the school's provost and vice-president academic, resigned. Fairbairn had signed Buckingham's termination letter.

Marlatte said Fairbairn's resignation is not enough.

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Eastern Townships

PQ star injured in bicycle accident

Parti Québécois star Pierre Karl Peladeau was recovering in hospital on Tuesday after suffering several fractures in a bicycle accident.

The PQ said in a statement the accident occurred in the Eastern Townships on Sunday. Peladeau, the majority owner of Quebecor Inc., has been considered a contender for the vacant PQ leadership.

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Newfoundland

Memorial U gets whale carcass

Memorial University says it has reached a tentative agreement that would see the remains of a blue whale carcass that washed ashore on Newfoundland's west coast displayed at the school.

The school in St. John's, N.L., says the Royal Ontario Museum will dismantle and clean the whale as part of the agreement.

Mark Abrahams, the dean of science at Memorial University, says it is a rare opportunity for the province. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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PM's project. Gates throws the gauntlet before maternal summit

The noted philanthropist Melinda Gates says an unacceptable number of newborn babies are dying in poor countries because the developed world simply isn't investing enough money to save them.

Gates is issuing an international call for more funding as she helps launch new research in the medical journal The Lancet on the plight of new mothers, babies and young children in developing countries.

The frank talk from Gates means more spending pressure on Prime Minister Stephen Harper as he hosts a major international meeting next week on his signature aid initiative — maternal, newborn and child health.

Harper committed $2.8 billion to the cause at the G8 summit Canada hosted in 2010 and is chairing a three-day international meeting in Toronto as a follow-up to raise awareness.

Each year 2.9 million newborn babies die around the world, while another 2.6 million are stillborn, the Lancet study concluded.

That's half the 1990 rate but still too high, according to the 55 experts from 18 countries that contributed to the report. The Lancet study estimates that by 2020 it would cost about 91 cents per person to lower the annual death rate of newborns by 1.3 million, while reducing stillbirths by 530,000 per year. "Canada has been one of the leaders in this," said Dr. Mickey Chopra of the UN. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Newborn deaths

Melinda Gates is the co-chair of the foundation named after her and her husband, Bill. Their foundation joined six countries in contributing to Harper's initiative in 2010.

Activity levels of Canadian kids are behind global pack

Children play in the waters of B.C.'s Semiahmoo Bay. A new report finds Canadian kids aren't getting enough physical activity, especially compared to peers in other countries. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

New report. Canadian children and youth were assigned a D-minus grade for overall activity levels

A new report reveals that the overall physical activity levels of Canadian kids are lagging behind those of youngsters from other nations.

For the first time, Active Healthy Kids Canada is using its annual Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth to see how Canadians measure up to kids in 14 other countries.

The findings were released Tuesday at the first-ever Global Summit on the Physical Activity of Children being held in Toronto.

Canadian children and youth were assigned a D-minus grade for overall physical-activity levels.

Canada trailed near the back of the international pack along with Australia, Ireland and the U.S. — who were also each assigned a D-minus — while Scotland received an F. Mozambique and New Zealand topped the list for activity levels. The report found that 84 per cent of Canadian three- to four-year-olds met early years guidelines of at least 180 minutes of daily physical activity at any intensity. But only seven per cent of five- to 11-year-olds and four per cent of 12- to 17-year-olds in Canada meet guidelines. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Military chief declares martial law in Thailand

Political crisis.
The country has been gripped by turmoil since 2006, when former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra was ousted

Residents stop to take a selfie at a military checkpoint in Bangkok on Tuesday. KIKO ROSARIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thailand's powerful military chief intervened Tuesday for the first time in the country's latest political crisis, declaring martial law and dispatching gun-mounted jeeps into the heart of the capital with a vow to resolve the deepening conflict as quickly as possible.

The move stopped short of a coup and left the nation's caretaker government intact, along with the constitution. Life continued normally with residents unfazed by the news, which follows six months of crippling protests that killed 28 people and injured more than 800.

But the intervention left the country at another precarious crossroads — its fate now in the hands of the military.

Thailand has been gripped by off-and-on political turmoil since 2006, when former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra was toppled by a military coup after being accused of corruption, abuse of power and disrespect for Thailand's king.

The army action came a day after Thailand's caretaker prime minister refused to step down, resisting pressure from a group of senators calling for a new interim government with full power to conduct political reforms.

Life in Bangkok and the rest of the country remained largely unaffected, with schools, businesses and tourist sites open and traffic flowing normally. Near one of Bangkok's most luxurious shopping malls, bystanders stopped to snap smiling selfies of themselves with armed soldiers in jeeps and Humvees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Chamber of horrors.' Spanish university kept donated bodies piled in basement: Reports

A Spanish university is investigating how dozens of bodies donated to medical science came to be piled up in a campus basement, following newspaper publication of grotesque images of the remains dumped in what the daily said resembled a chamber of horrors.

A statement from Madrid Complutense University said the bodies had been due for incineration as their use in research had ended but that spending cuts had caused delays.

It said it was an isolated occurrence and that the newspaper was distorting reality.

El Mundo newspaper photo and video images showed the discarded body parts, some not covered by sheets, piled on shelves and tables.

The papers said there were some 250 bodies and that many had been there for years. It said some were kept in a refrigerated room and compared the images to a mass grave.

The university said it had reached an agreement recently with a funeral company and the bodies would be removed this week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It's getting hot in here

Scientists: 2014 saw record April heat

Once again, the world hit record heat levels. The average global temperature last month tied the hottest April on record four years ago. The U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Tuesday said last month's average temperature was 14.5 C. That was 0.77 C warmer than the average last century. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Residents try to dig out a car trapped in the mud from a landslide at the village of Topcic Polje, Bosnia-Herzegovina Tuesday. Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia have been hit by the worst flooding in a century, forcing half a million people out of their homes and leading to more than three dozen deaths. SULEJMAN OMERBASIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Worse than the war': Flood victim

Bosnia. Tens of thousands displaced, many for the second time in their lives

It took only a few minutes for a roaring landslide to leave Ramiz Skopljak homeless for the second time in his life.

The first time he had been 47, and though his house was a ruin, the Bosnian war at least left him his land in Topcic Polje, central Bosnia, on which to start anew.

Now he is 65 and even if he could find the folder with the title deed buried somewhere in the mud covering his village it wouldn't help. The land itself has disappeared, along with a chunk of the hill it stood on.

"This is worse than war," the broken man whispered.

His family had to run out of the house so fast on Thursday that none of the eight members could even grab a wallet, a personal document or a mobile phone. They have nothing now.

Skopljak's monthly retirement pay is $295, and he shares it with his wife, his son and his daughter-in-law who are among Bosnia's 44 per cent unemployed.

He said he does not know how many houses the landslide swallowed but he would be surprised if 30 per cent of the village's 1,430 residents will be able to stay in Topcic Polje.

More than 2,000 landslides have been recorded in the past few days in Bosnia, which along with neighbouring Serbia is struggling with the worst flooding in southeastern Europe in more than a century.

At least 43 people have died in five days of flooding caused by unprecedented torrential rain. Entire towns and villages are under water and tens of thousands have been forced to flee their homes.

Bosnia's Foreign Minister Zlatko Lagumdzija called the flood and landslide damage "immense."

"After the war, people had nothing," he said. "Now they have nothing except bank loans they took to rebuild their homes" at the end of the country's 1992-95 war that killed at least 100,000 people and left millions homeless. Today the country is upside down. Buses and trucks with thousands of volunteers and collected aid are jamming still-passable roads. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Health hazard

Drowned livestock a new threat

A new calamity emerged Tuesday in the flood-hit Balkans as rescue workers battled overflowing rivers — and were confronted by wastelands of drowned livestock.

As the rainfall stopped and temperatures rose, the withdrawing floodwaters revealed a harrowing sight: thousands of dead cows, pigs, sheep and other animals left behind as their panicked owners fled.

In the northern Bosnian town of Samac, troops used ropes to pull nearly 400 dead cows out of a barn and drove the carcasses away on trucks. In Samac, like many towns, waters rose within hours. Farmers often had no time to free their livestock so that they could attempt to swim to safety. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dead cows that have yet to be taken away by the Bosnian military from a farm near the town of Samac on Tuesday. AMEL EMRIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

USDA allows some schools to delay whole-grain menus

'Legitimate concerns.'
School administrators say it can be tough to find whole-grain pastas, tortillas and grits

Students pick up their lunch at Barre Town Elementary School in Barre Town, Vt. TOBY TALBOT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will allow some schools to delay adding more whole-grain foods to meals this year, responding to criticism from school nutrition officials and Congress that the standards were too difficult to meet.

The delay comes hours after a Republican-led House spending panel criticized the Obama administration's healthier school-lunch standards and proposed letting some schools opt out for up to two years.

USDA said schools can put off a requirement that grain products in schools be whole-grain rich, or more than half whole grain, if they can demonstrate that they have had "significant challenges" in preparing those products.

"Schools raised legitimate concerns that acceptable whole-grain rich pasta products were not available," said Kevin Concannon, USDA undersecretary for food, nutrition and consumer services.

While many students have adapted easily to whole-grain breads and rolls, school nutrition directors say they are having a harder time with pastas, biscuits, tortillas and grits — all popular items during lunch.

Championed by first lady Michelle Obama, the standards have been phased in over the last two years, with more changes this year, including rules limiting fat, calorie, sugar and sodium in foods. While many have had success putting the rules in place, others have said they are restrictive and costly.

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No fatalities

GM recalls 180K Canadian cars

Another day, another General Motors recall. At least that's the way it seems as the automaker reviews safety issues across its lineup of cars and trucks.

Three of the recalls affect a total of 181,500 vehicles sold in Canada, including 105,700 to fix a cable that could wear over time and misalign the gear shifter on Chevrolet Malibu and Pontiac G6 mid-sized cars. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

$7.7M settlement

Admission council to stop flagging students' scores

The Law School Admission Council has agreed to pay $7.7 million to settle allegations that it discriminated against students who sought extra time to take the LSAT.

The admission council also agreed to stop flagging scores of students who were untimed to accommodate disabilities. The settlement will compensate over 6,000 who applied for accommodations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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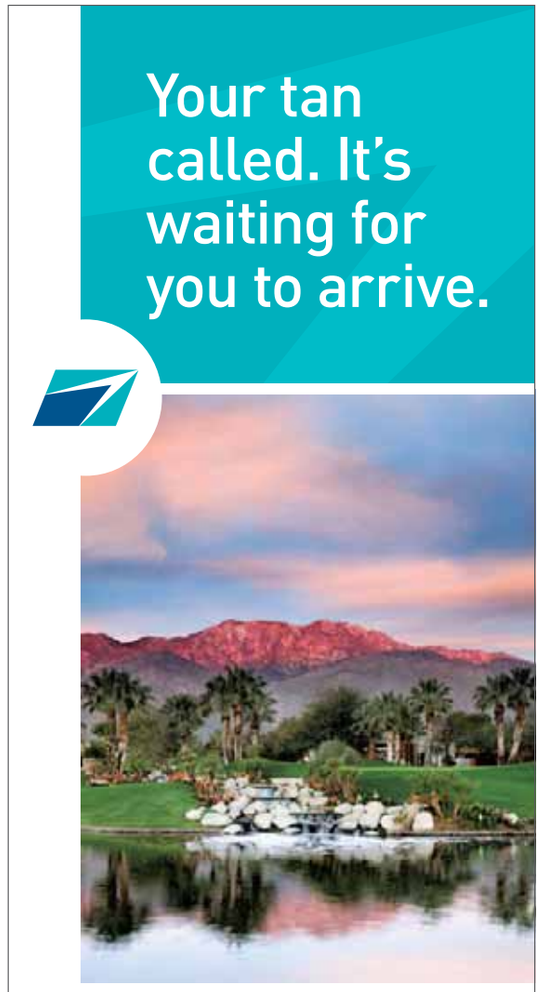
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Target hopes to get more people into their stores in Canada. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

Target aims for bull's-eye with new head in Canada

Changes. Top exec of Canadian operations is out after retailer's expansion to Great White North missed the mark

Target has fired the president of its troubled Canadian operations, Tony Fisher, and is replacing him with a 15-year U.S. company veteran in a bid to address inventory issues and bring customers back into its stores.

The executive shakeup in Canada comes two weeks after the abrupt resignation of Target's CEO and chairman Gregg Steinhafel.

The third-largest U.S. retailer announced Tuesday that Mark Schindele, 45, who was senior vice-president of merchandising operations, will now run the Canadian operation.

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Germany clamps down on exports of surveillance tech

Germany says it will restrict exports of surveillance technology to states that fail to respect their citizens' human rights.

Economy Minister Sigmar Gabriel says the move is designed to prevent spy software "made in Germany" from being used for internal repression by autocratic regimes. Rights groups have in the past accused German companies of selling spy software to countries such as Bahrain and Uzbekistan, where the technology is allegedly used to monitor dissidents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turning the tables?

China, America in war of words over cyberspying

China on Tuesday warned the United States was jeopardizing military ties by charging five Chinese officers with cyberspying and tried to turn the tables on Washington by calling it "the biggest attacker of China's cyberspace."

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Coming up this week: the defining moment of our age.

Famous-for-nothing Kim Kardashian is marrying the Biggest Ego on the Planet, "Yeezus" Kanye West, at the Forti De Belvedere in Florence on Saturday, the day after they and their guests take a private tour of the Palace of Versailles, former home of Louis XV, who famously said, "Après moi, le déluge."

Well, it never rains, but it pours.

The original plan was for the couple to be married in Versailles, but the people who run the palace must have learned something after the wretched excesses of the Sun King and Marie Antoinette and will only allow a tour.

Of course, the palace is just a tumbrel ride away from the Place de la Concorde in downtown Paris, where former occupants of the palace lost their heads, victims of the wrath of the Republic.

The only mobs following Kim and Kanye around are paparazzi, although they're bad enough: Kim eats an ice cream cone on the Left Bank! Kim goes to the gym! Kim shows half a boob in display of pre-wedding fitness! Nothing about this wedding and its preparations escapes the scrutiny of the tabloid channels.

For example: Kim turned up in Paris with 10 suitcases, which must have made for an interesting answer to the question "Avez-vous quelque chose à déclarer?"

And this: the ice cream flavour was brittle nut macadamia, and the couple ordered two scoops.

The bill came to 14 euros, which is like 10 bucks an ice cream cone.

"J'adore Paris," observed KK.

Come on! How much more of this can we take? A lot, apparently. It's only Wednesday.

Am I the only one left in the world to remember that Kim Kardashian has done absolutely nothing to acquire her vast, social-media stoked wealth and fame?

Nobody else seems to care. Celebrity is celebrity. Kim has even spawned a growth industry called Kardashian.

For example, on the same day La Kim went out for ice cream on the Left Bank, her kid brother Rob engaged in a Tweet fest with the media because he is fat.

I mean, 35 per cent of the U.S. over-20 population is fat.

That's not news. Or it's bad news. But it's Rob Kardashian's claim to fame. In fact, the body weight of the entire clan is a national obsession. Kim and her sisters Kourtney and Khloé alert the media every time their clothes fit.

But really, it's all about Kim.

If I'm Kanye West and I'm touring the fabulous Hall of Mirrors on Friday, I might cast a quick glance at myself and make sure I still cast a reflection.

Because even the world's largest ego is going to have trouble keeping up with the Kardashian(s).

Yeezus.

ZOOM

Banding together for mascot

Emit, a four-week-old southern three-banded armadillo, eats banana off the hand of a zookeeper. A group in Brazil hopes the fact that the endangered armadillo is the World Cup mascot will raise awareness at all levels of society about the importance of saving the armadillo and its natural habitat. TOM UHLMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saving the three-banded armadillo

A Brazilian environmental group has launched an effort to save the endangered three-banded armadillo, the mascot for the World Cup starting next month.

The armadillo is in danger of extinction, largely because of deforestation and hunting in its habitat in the shrub lands of northeastern Brazil. Its meat is considered a delicacy by many in the region.

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World Cup baller

Those risks in large part are why the armadillo was chosen as World Cup mascot. Another is that when it's frightened, it rolls up into a ball small enough to fit into one hand, looking like a tan soccer ball.

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Geminid showers coming up all flowers

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There's a wonderful little corner of YouTube devoted to Kenneth Brandon and his time-lapsed eye-candy series with an eye turned toward the night skies above California's more rugged spaces.

This beautiful footage of 2012's Geminid meteor shower over Big Sur is a nice example of his prodigious output. If you find yourself impressed, be sure to check out more of his work at youtube.com/kennethbrandon. (Via Kenneth Brandon/YouTube)

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Blended mix meets match

When two families commingle. From The Brady Bunch to its film granddaddy, Yours, Mine and Ours, Hollywood loves a blended family story

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The Brady Bunch is pop culture's most famous blended family.

The story of a "lovely lady who was bringing up three very lovely girls," and a "man named Brady with three boys of his own," who "would somehow form a family," ran for fives seasons on TV, endlessly in reruns and even spawned two movies.

"The Brady Bunch is a live-action modern fairy tale of family," says Christopher Knight who played Peter Brady on the original show. "In this context it's less odd that it's lasted for over 30 years; and why it may last in some respects as long as Mother Goose!"

He may be optimistic on the eternal appeal of his show, but he's not wrong to imply that the idea of blended families could remain the subject of stories and movies for years to come.

This weekend "cinematic soulmates" Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler reunite for a third time, following The Wedding Singer and 50 First Dates, for Blended, a romantic comedy about the mixing and mingling of two families.

Hollywood has been blending screen families for years. The grandfather of these blended family stories has to be Yours, Mine and Ours.

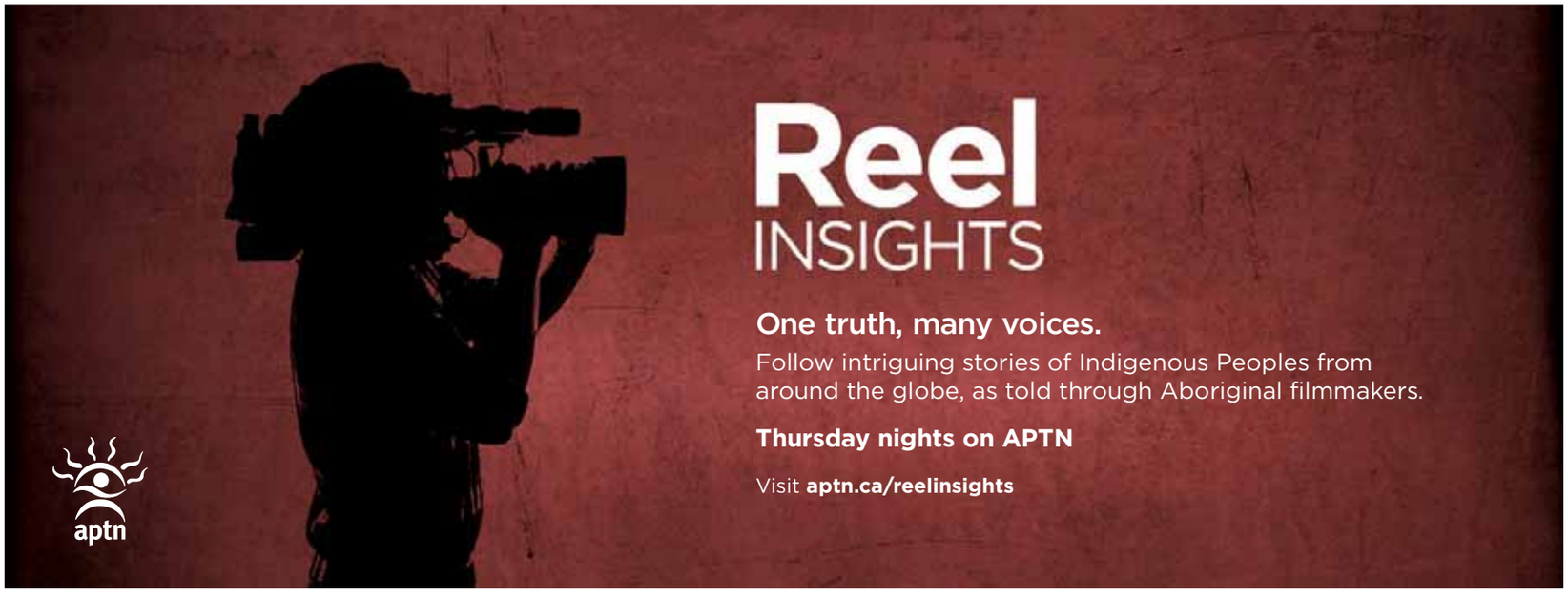
Based on the memoir Who Gets the Drumstick? by Helen Beardsley, this 1968 Lucille Ball, Henry Fonda film sees a widow with eight kids and a widower with 10 children (including Mike, played by Tim Matheson 10 years before he found fame in Animal House) become one big (almost) happy family.

Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler play a widowed mom and a divorced dad who meet on a family safari after a disastrous blind date in Blended. CONTRIBUTED

The film was produced by Ball, who became so friendly with the Beardsleys she treated all 20 of them to a trip to Disneyland. ABC and Paramount Studios were so impressed with the film they gave the green light to the similarly themed The Brady Bunch show.

The same year, movie legend Doris Day made her final big-screen appearance in With Six You Get Egg Roll, a blended family story about a widow with three sons who marries a man with a daughter. The kids don't see eye to eye, but soon figure out a way to live together. Released so soon after Yours, Mine and Ours, Eggroll got good reviews, but, as Roger Ebert wrote at the time, "would probably seem funnier if it didn't suffer by comparison."

Finally, Step Brothers is an R-rated look at extreme Peter Pan Syndrome. Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly play 40ish men who become bunkmates and reluctant stepbrothers when their parents (Mary Steenburgen and Richard Jenkins) marry. The familiar reprimand "Grow up and act your age" fell on deaf ears with these guys. It's like watching two overweight, foul-mouthed 10-year-olds with thinning hair going at each other, but it is good vulgar fun.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Days of Future Past

Think X-Men have powers? Check out capitalists

Peter Dinklage is the main baddie in X-Men: Days of Future Past, playing Dr. Bolivar Trask, a corporate type who wants to design robots to hunt and kill mutants, whom he perceives as too dangerous to be living with humans. But Dinklage doesn't like the term "villain" — not here, nor on Game of Thrones.

"I always say the high-falutin' actor thing of not judging your villain, not seeing him as a villain," Dinklage says. "He really believes he's doing the right thing. He wants to save humankind, worldwide, at the time of the Vietnam War, one of the worst wars there was — although I guess they're all bad wars."

But good intentions, however misguided, run up against less good intentions. "He's also a capitalist. Those are the guys I don't trust: war profiteers. His containers [with the robots] have his logo on them. The guys screaming in a tree in Central Park, you get that as a New Yorker. But I don't get the guys down in Wall Street, bleeding people for a living."

Dinklage's character gets to hobnob with another baddie of the 20th century. The film has Trask pitch his robots to Richard Nixon, played by Mark Camacho. "There's a fine line where you can easily slip into comedic territory. You can get Rich Little with it," Dinklage says. "Mark certainly didn't do that."

Dinklage even says he has a kind of history with Nixon. "My mother was an elementary school teacher for 35 years, and she taught at Nixon's school in New Jersey. I was raised a liberal Democrat, and she was protesting Nixon when he was in office. And yet we have a picture of my mother and President Nixon shaking hands."

Peter Dinklage in X-Men: Days of Future Past. ALAN MARKFIELD/ 20TH CENTURY FOX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Two Professor X's meet for X-Men powwow

Get ready for nerd heads to explode.
Professors Xavier past and future share electrifying scene in latest X-Men film

MATT PRIGGE
Metro in New York City

X-Men: Days of Future Past allows for a rare occurrence, not only in the comics franchise but in all movies. It's a time travel picture, with the older mutants sending Hugh Jackman's Wolverine back to 1973 to thwart a dystopian future where they're hunted and killed by government robots. That means that we see both the old and young versions of Professor Charles Xavier (Patrick Stewart and James McAvoy, respectively), as well as two Magnetos (Ian McKellen and Michael Fassbender).

That doesn't mean the actors actually get to share scenes — though Stewart and McAvoy do, once, when both characters meet in their conjoined mind for a little, nerd-electrifying powwow.

"It was James' first day of work and it was my last day of work," recalls Stewart of the day it was shot. "My bags were packed and I was read to get out of Dodge." He says they didn't belabour the scene. "I don't recall rehearsing it. We knew the lines and they rolled the cameras and it was four minutes' work. I shouldn't have said that. I should have said we worked on it for weeks."

For McAvoy, he obviously had much to draw on for his performance. "I've been a fan [of Stewart's] for years," McAvoy says. "I watched the [X-Men] films, and Star Trek, all the way back to Dune. I don't know if anyone remembers Dune." (Stewart played a mulleted Gurney Halleck in the 1984 David Lynch film.) It wasn't just about nailing Stewart's performance style, though. "I was watching the empathy that pours out of him in the previous movies. It's the prime characteristic of Professor X: This willingness to care and reach out and help."

James McAvoy, left, and Patrick Stewart in X-Men: Days of Future Past. ALAN MARKFIELD/20TH CENTURY FOX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He wasn't the only one studying another actor's performance. Stewart did the same to McAvoy. "It made me (want) to go back and shoot it again, now that I knew where I came from. I could get so much more James McAvoy into that performance," he says, somewhat joking.

At the same time, Charles Xavier is in a very different spot than he has been in any other movie. "We've seen the good professor, who has always had options, and those options have been through negotiation, persuasion, some resolution that will not be violent," Stewart says. "From the beginning of this movie, there is no other option. Our enemy this time is not available for rational conversation or to be reasoned with. The professor has to make the decision to destroy something to survive. It toughened Xavier up."

Sadly, Ian McKellen could not attend the press junket, which would have reunited him in New York City with his dear friend and funny-picture buddy, Stewart. That also meant the two Magnetos couldn't butt heads. In fact, McKellen and Fassbender didn't even see each other on-set.

"We sort of kept missing each other," Fassbender recalls. That doesn't mean he wasn't studying him anyway. "For this one I spent a lot of time with this video on YouTube, which was Ian McKellen in the 1970s doing this workshop on 'Macbeth.' I was playing that over and over again, getting more of the rhythms and tones of his voice." This of course means they don't get the on-screen meet-up that the two Xaviers enjoyed. "Unfortunately we didn't get a scene together. We flipped a coin and James and Patrick won the toss."

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Brunette Ambition.
Glee star's memoir gives fans a glimpse into her life and style

LAKSHMI GANDHI
Metro in New York City

Actress and singer Lea Michele is now also a published author.

In her new book Brunette Ambition, Michele details her journey from being a child performer on Broadway to becoming the star of the hit TV show Glee. The glossy, photograph-filled book covers everything from navigating life in Hollywood to beauty and style tips.

"I just really wanted to have the opportunity to do something for my fans," Michele tells us. "They are always asking me about health, beauty, fitness. So I wrote this book for them."

The book also pays tribute to Michele's singing idol Barbra Streisand, with each chapter beginning with either a quote from the singer or from one of Streisand's iconic movie roles. "I think she is just amazing," Michele says of her fellow singer and actress. "I remember watching Funny Girl as a little girl and I think that she's an amazing role model. I've been trying to do that for my fans."

While Michele says that deep down she is a jeans-and-T-shirt person at heart, she also writes about her favourite award night looks and her red carpet beauty routine. "I really love my hair and makeup team; they've been with me for a long time," she says. "When we're getting ready for the red carpet, we put on music. It's a lot of fun."

It's been a busy spring so far for Michele. In addition to promoting her new book, she just released the video for her single On My Way from her first solo album Louder. She also voices the character of Dorothy in the animated film Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return.

"I was so happy that I had the opportunity to play Dorothy. It's such an iconic role," she says, noting that her favourite song in the film is Work With Me.

Michele pauses for a moment when asked to name three items she thinks every woman should have in her closet. "Boyfriend jeans, motorcycle boots and a leather jacket," she replies after consideration.

However, she doesn't miss a beat when asked to pick her favourite recipe in the book. "Definitely I would say the grilled cheese," she replies instantly. "I'd eat it every day if I could."

Lea Michele on her singing idol Barbra Streisand

"I think she is just amazing. I remember watching Funny Girl as a little girl and I think that she's an amazing role model. I've been trying to do that for my fans." Lea Michele

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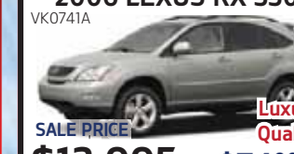
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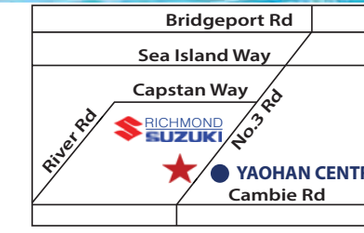

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Charlize Theron is finally opening up about her blossoming relationship with Sean Penn, and all it took was an interview with Vanity Fair. “Sean and I have known each other for 18 years. We were just really good friends,” she tells the magazine. “And it’s been slow going because you are aware that you could screw that up and lose it. We had to think about it. But at the end of the day, it was somewhat effortless. It just kind of naturally happened, and before I knew it I was in something that was making my life better. The people who really love me can see the effect it has had on me.” She does admit, though, that the paparazzi attention has made developing a relationship a bit awkward. “I don’t know how you have a healthy relationship with the whole world knowing about it,” she says. “Look, we’re dating, and I don’t think we were trying to hide anything. We were photographed, the relationship was kind of written about. I recently did a daylong press junket, which I hadn’t done in forever, and it’s a harsh reminder that whatever people try to hide a press junket behind, it’s really a roundabout way of getting at as much private s—- as they can. It was all about what I like to eat and avoiding questions about Sean or my son.”

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Finding the real Istanbul

Wanderlust. Turkey's famed city has your typical tourist haunts, but stray from beaten path for so much more

The Istanbul neighbourhood of Karakoy, with its cafés and galleries, has become a hub for the young. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Istanbul, the noisy Turkish metropolis on the Bosporus Strait lauded by many a travel ranking, has much more to offer than grand mosques and bazaars. Away from the din of typical tourist haunts, a walk around the neighbourhoods of Karakoy, Balat and Kuzguncuk will peel back the surface to reveal the city's multilayered history. As proof of Turkey's popularity, TripAdvisor just named the country the world's top destination, based on the website's ratings and user reviews.

Karakoy

Descending from the Galata Tower in the Beyoglu district, often regarded as the "pulse of Istanbul," one of the city's steepest hills will lead to Karakoy, an up-and-coming area hemming the Bosporus Strait. This one-time industrial neighbourhood is still home to a number of shops where anything from fishing equipment to Bunsen burners can be procured. But the hardware stores and workshops must now negotiate their space with new galleries and cafés that have created a hub for young hipsters. Past the Karakoy ferry terminal, one street over from the water, look for Namli Gurme, a restaurant and small marketplace offering a large selection of "mezes," or cold appetizers. Also served here is a cut of meat called "lokum," which means Turkish delight and is the term for anything wildly tasty and juicy (unlike the narrower meaning of the term Turkish delight outside the country, referring only to chewy sugary candies).

Balat

The Balat district is a quiet historic area by the Golden Horn, the narrowest stretch of the Bosporus. Its twisting streets and weathered houses, like antiques in an open museum, echo a past occupied by waves of Jewish, Greek, Bulgarian and Armenian residents. The area is now home mainly to working-class Turks from Black Sea towns and Central Anatolia. Adventurous tourists who can find the beauty in the decaying buildings and are willing to forgo the reliability of a map will enjoy wandering the hilly streets. Walking from the Galata Bridge by the seaside toward the end of the Golden Horn, the Gul Mosque is not to be missed. Formerly known as Saint Theodosia church, the cross-in-square orthodox church was converted into a mosque by Ottomans.

Kuzguncuk

On the Asia side of this continental crossroads of a city, the quiet, pictorial village of Kuzguncuk is minutes away from the Uskudar ferry terminal. It's lauded as a quieter, perhaps less jaded version of upscale Ortakoy on the European side. It is another well-known Jewish quarter, home to two synagogues. Among the seaside fish restaurants bearing views of the Bosporus Bridge, Ismet Baba generates the most fanfare. Uryanizade Sokak, running perpendicularly from Ismet Baba and the seaside, is a restored street lined with Ottoman houses and studios for artists. Farther north, the waterside showcases a string of Istanbul's famous classic wooden-framed mansions, known as "yali." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Three sisters are making Nepalese dreams come true

Climbing to the top. After facing harassment as trekking guides, the Chettri sisters decided to start their own company focused on females

From left, Lucky, Dicky and Nicky are the three sisters behind 3 Sisters.

Instructors at the 3 Sisters Adventure Trekking Company provide lessons on climbing a rock surface in Pokhara, Nepal. ALL PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nepalese female climbing guides make about $3,000 a year, a better-than-average salary in Nepal.

When Lucky, Dicky and Nicky Chettri tried to break into Nepal's male-dominated trekking industry 20 years ago, competitors tried to run them out of business. They say men threatened them, harassed them — even filed bogus police reports against them.

"The men said this is a business for the men and we should leave it alone," said Lucky, the eldest Chettri sister in the 3 Sisters Adventure Trekking Company. "They would even accuse us of trying to take away food from their table."

Now the sisters have a booming business and a waiting list of Nepalese women who want to join their six-month training program for mountain guides.

The rise of the Chettri sisters' business in many ways reflects the increasing clout of women in Nepal, which remains in most ways a deeply patriarchal country.

Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay first climbed Mount Everest in 1953, but it was another 40 years before the first Nepali woman reached the peak. Since then, women have made progress in politics, education and business.

About five per cent of Nepali politicians were female in 1990, but women won a third of the seats in the 2008 parliamentary election. Some discriminatory laws have been changed, including one that allowed only sons to inherit parental property.

Shailee Basnet, who led a 10-member Nepali women's team to Everest in 2008, said the number of women in trekking and mountaineering has risen as well, and she gave credit to the Chettri sisters.

"They have started a trend for women to take up this profession. Women guiding foreign trekkers in the region has become a normal thing now," she said.

The Chettris came up with the idea of opening a woman-run trekking agency when they heard from foreign female travellers who were harassed, even sexually assaulted and threatened by their own male guides while trekking remote mountain trails.

"These girls were really afraid and felt insecure," said Lucky, 48, at their office next to the picturesque Phewa lake.

The sisters once led trips themselves, but had trouble finding more women who knew trekking, spoke English and were willing to spend days walking with the foreigners away from home. Their solution was to bring the women to Pokhara and train them for months.

"At the beginning it was very unusual for the women to join our program because they had to leave their homes for many days, working with Westerners," said Nicky, the youngest of the sisters. "Some thought it was against our culture because women are expected to be at home doing household work."

But soon the word spread. "These women began to like the idea that they don't need to depend on their husbands for money," Nicky said.

Gam Maya Tilicha, 25, once planned to become a teacher but is now a full-time guide at the agency.

"I never imagined that I would be a trekking guide. But the income is very good and I like what I am doing — meeting people from all over the world and travelling to new places in Nepal," she said.

The sisters take in 40 students every six months, giving them free housing, food and clothing. The money earned from the trekking agency supports the training.

Once they graduate, they make about $3,000 a year from guiding tourists, a better-than-average salary in this poor Himalayan nation. Monika Rai, a 19-year-old student, hopes it leads to something better.

"I am here to learn the skills of trekking and English language so that I can become a guide and make more money than in any other jobs," she said.

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Four tips for taking great pics

ON THE MOVE
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I love taking photos when I travel. However, apart from following the rule of thirds — two thirds sky, one third land (or vice versa) — I don't actually know what I'm doing.

I asked four professional photographers for their tips on how we amateurs can best capture those perfect moments.

Here they share some of their secrets for taking the kind of travel photo you'll want to hang on your wall.

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Portrait perfect

My recipe for a perfect portrait is to never photograph people with their back or face to the sun. If sunlight is behind them, the camera will autofocus on the person and the background will be lost or it will autofocus on the background and your subject will be blacked out. If the person is facing the sun, likely they will be squinting in the direct light and their face will be bleached out. So make sure to have the sunlight either to the left or right of their face and then use your flash to light up the other half of your subject.

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Bad weather makes for good pictures

Scenery is always a favourite subject for travellers. Before shooting, think about what drew your attention to the place. Light is a key factor. The best pictures are often made at the beginning or end of the day, or surprisingly, in changeable and bad weather.

GARY CRALLE
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Beauty really is in the eye

When shooting wildlife, make sure the animal's eyes are in sharp focus. A sharp eye provides a strong and intriguing focal point for most viewers. An out-of-focus eye lacks interest. Next, pick an angle that puts the sun behind you and over one of your shoulders. This shooting angle will produce a twinkle in the animal's eye that helps you avoid that dark dead-eye look.

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Keep your camera at the ready

I like a camera to be convenient. Travel with something that will fit in your pocket. Have some method of backing up your photos as you travel — an online service, downloading to a tablet or laptop, or burning back-up discs as you go.

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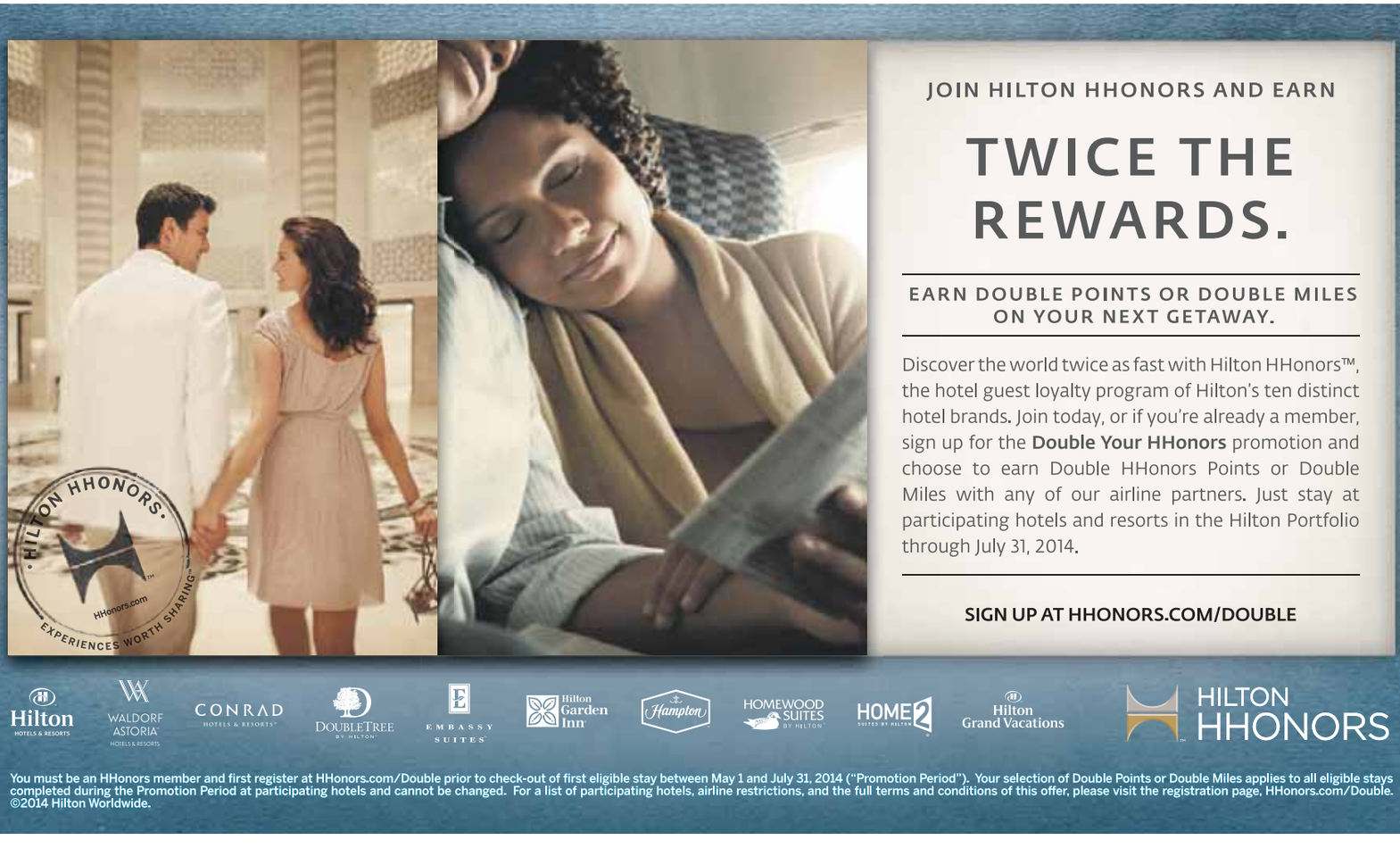
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A serving of spring

Vegetable Primavera.

The word 'primavera' literally means 'spring' in Italian. Add asparagus and fiddleheads for a seasonal touch

DINNER EXPRESS
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Once May hits, fresh vegetables become a bigger part of everyone's kitchen repertoire. Outdoor markets also begin to flourish and become colourful.

Taking the time to stroll through the market or grocery store can easily become daunting, so make a list! Choose a few great delicious recipes for the week and make your list, then set your sights on the market and grocer.

There is always a little room for wandering, but if time is of the essence, that grocery list will make you more efficient and ensure you're not wasting veggies by not using them.

Primavera means springtime in Italian, which makes sense as this dish showcases fresh vegetables and colours.

My version uses vegetable cocktail juice, which many people have on hand. It can, however, be easily substituted with your favourite pasta sauce.

Use your favourite spring vegetables like asparagus or fiddleheads. But don't worry that seasonality will ruin this dish, because your can get peppers, tomatoes and peas year-round! When you get bored, change up the vegetables and use a variety of colours. This pasta is also a wonderful way to use up leftover roasted or grilled vegetables.

Normally made with just vegetables, this version uses tofu for an added twist and a hit of protein.

Grind some fresh black pepper to finish the dish.

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cups (500 ml) cubed firm tofu
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) hot pepper flakes
- 1 cup (250 ml) vegetable cocktail juice
- 2 cups (500 ml) chopped fresh asparagus or peas
- 1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 carrot, julienned
- 1 yellow or green zucchini, julienned
- 8 oz (227 g) whole-wheat fettuccine or linguine pasta
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped fresh Italian parsley (optional)
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) freshly grated Parmesan cheese

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1. In non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Brown tofu on all sides for about 3 minutes; remove to plate.

2. In same skillet over medium heat; cook garlic and red pepper flakes for 30 seconds. Add vegetable cocktail juice and stir to combine. Add asparagus, red pepper, carrot and zucchini; cook, stirring 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender crisp.

3. Meanwhile, in large pot of boiling salted water; cook fettuccine for about 8 minutes or until tender but firm. Drain and add to skillet. Stir in reserved tofu and toss to coat well. Sprinkle with parsley, if using and cheese.

This recipe serves six. EMILY RICHARDS

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Everyone has been there: You're in such desperate need of a job, be it part-time or full-time, that you're sending out applications to just about anyone.

But now, having submitted multiple resumés, you can't quite figure out why you're not hearing back from employers. Here are some common things you may be doing that affect your job application.

Nothing says "hire me" like a blank email

Typing up a personalized email for every single place you apply is time-consuming.

You may think everything that the employer needs to know is in your attached resumé and cover letter, but a blank email shouts: "I'm too lazy to take the time to personalize this application for you."

Your email doesn't need to be (and shouldn't be) as detailed as your cover letter, but you should give your potential employer a brief overview of yourself, what job you're applying for, and why.

If a company receives hundreds of job applications, the ones that have blank emails will have an even harder time standing out from the pack and making it to the next round in the process.

Your resumé is just straight-up terrible

You're young and you may not have loads of work experience.

That's fine, but in 2014 there's no reason your resumé should have zero layout, be extremely disorganized, and/or be longer than if you had 20-plus years' experience.

It's so easy to have a clean, crisp resumé. Get started by searching "free resumé templates" in Google and download one ASAP; all you'll need to do is fill in the blanks.

In the long run, you'll probably want to make a resumé from scratch, but seeing samples can help you start thinking about (and planning) your own.

If you don't have much work experience, showcase other accomplishments you may have, such as volunteer experience or extra-curricular activities. There's no reason your resumé should include your education alone.

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It should be no longer than two pages, and there's really no reason it should be more than one. Take a look at what's on your resumé: The drama award you won in Grade 5 is probably irrelevant now.

You miss important details on your resumé/cover letter

Everyone has done it — sent out an application without changing some key pieces of information.

Forgetting to change your career objective or including a cover letter for the wrong position are both surefire ways to get overlooked.

Take your time when applying for jobs and proofread everything. When an employer gets an application with the wrong company and position listed on it, it'll more than likely go straight into the trash, no matter how qualified you are.

Job description? What job description?

You got so excited when you realized a new position had opened up at your favourite business or dream workplace that you forgot to read the entire job description before you applied.

Had you read the job description, you'd realize that the employer asked for you to attach a portfolio (which you didn't), or asked for someone who speaks French (which you don't).

Don't waste your time, or an employer's. Take the time to read the job description thoroughly and make sure you have the specific skills required for the role.

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Post-grad pact keeps best friends afloat

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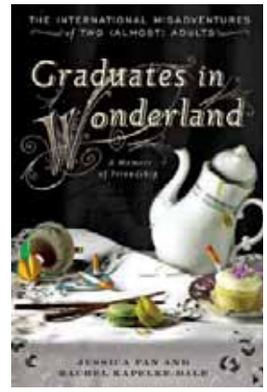
THE INTERNATIONAL MISADVENTURES OF TWO (ALMOST) ADULTS
Graduates in Wonderland
A MEMOIR OF FRIENDSHIP
JESSICA PAN AND RACHEL KAPELKE-DALE

Even the closest of college friends can drift apart after graduation, but Jessica Pan and Rachel Kapelke-Dale were determined not to let this happen. The two friends made a pact to email each other every week after they graduated from Brown University, even though Jessica was moving to Beijing and Rachel was moving to New York.

Seven years after graduation, the two friends are as close as ever, and have pared down the most heartbreaking and hilarious emails that recounted their 20s in the new book Graduates in Wonderland. We talked to the authors about their formerly long-distance relationship and correspondence.

Rachel, you talk a lot about feeling miserable and lost right out of college once you moved to New York City. I found that a lot of my friends felt the same way after we graduated. Do you think it's more common than it seems?

Kapelke-Dale: I think it's something that a lot of people go through when they move to New York, but they don't want to talk about it because it's such a great city that everyone dreams about ending up in. I did feel that Jess was one person I could talk to about my dreams not always matching the reality, and how I was still working on getting there.

Jess, do you think you were better off moving to Beijing and forgoing the conventional route?

Pan: I think I went to Beijing because I wanted an adventure, and it's easier to do different things there. You meet different kinds of people and connect really strongly to people that, if you met them in New York, you might not make that connection with them. I worked at a magazine, and I felt like it would have been harder for me to do that in New York. There were more opportunities because I was in a different place.

Tell me more about your pact.

Pan: We both had talked about this before graduation, about how we heard from our mothers that they had really great college friendships, but those friendships faded away in time because they hadn't kept in touch. We said, "We can't let this happen to us," and I was going to Beijing and she was going to New York. We said, "We have to stay close by really living what's going on in our lives instead of summaries every six months." We also felt like there was no point in keeping in touch if we weren't going to be honest: If you're not saying how down you feel or how terrible the sex was, who can you tell? The more honest we were, the less lonely we were.

Did you feel you were able to grow together even though you were so far apart?

Pan: Yeah, I do think we did. I'm an impulsive, sort of crazy person, and it's really good to have someone tell you when you're being too crazy. We went through the things every young woman goes through: Looking for the right career and going through heartbreak, etc., and I do think we grew together.

Kapelke-Dale: The importance of emailing once a week versus every six months is that you're giving advice and asking for advice and talking about adventures and humiliation, so you are actually experiencing them together.

Was it hard to go back through your emails?

Kapelke-Dale: It could be hard, but I think more than that it was emotionally interesting to get put back into those moments — "Wow, that was really hard" — or when you're looking at emails about some guy you haven't thought about in five years and you think, "Oh my God, I'm in love with him again."

And now you both live in London?

Pan: We live, like, five blocks away from each other and we see each other at least every week and probably every other day. When you're in your 20s and live in another city, it's such a gift to find out one of your best college friends lives there, too.

It must be nice.

Kapelke-Dale: We saw each other twice in five years, so to be together again — we were like, wow, this feels just like college. We still felt as close as we did back then, if not closer.

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Foreurs withstand barrage to clinch Memorial Cup semis

The Val-d'Or Foreurs' Anthony Richard celebrates his game-winning goal on Edmonton Oil Kings goalie Tristan Jarry on Tuesday in London, Ont. Richard's double-overtime winner gave Val-d'Or a 4-3 victory. The Foreurs, 2-1, were outshot 50-33 by the Oil Kings and trailed twice in regulation. They advanced to Friday's semifinal with the marathon win. The Oil Kings, 1-2, will either join the Foreurs in the semifinal for a rematch or face the host London Knights in a tiebreaker Thursday. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Report: Canucks to name Benning GM

News and notes. Trevor Linden's next big move, a young D-man's signing and a former coach's success top Canucks news feed

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From Boston to Vancouver

Trevor Linden's search for a new general manager might be coming to an end.

According to TSN's Darren Dreger, the Canucks are expected to name Jim Benning as the club's new GM later this week.

Benning's name had been mentioned several times over the past few weeks as a candidate to replace Mike Gillis, and with his current employer, the Boston Bruins, now out of the playoffs as of last week, it seemed the process to bring Boston's assistant general manager to Vancouver was reaching its conclusion quicker than initially thought.

The Canucks have yet to make any official announcements.

Swede Cederholm signed

The Vancouver Canucks announced the signing of 19-year-old defenceman Anton Cederholm, the club's fifth-round pick, 145th overall, in last year's NHL Draft.

Cederholm, originally from Sweden, was part of the Portland Winterhawks' team in the Western Hockey League this past season. The Winterhawks were a powerhouse in the regular season and throughout most of the playoffs, before being ousted in the WHL championship by the Edmonton Oil Kings.

Cederholm, listed at 6'2" and 204 pounds, scored four times and had 16 points in 71 regular-season games with Portland. He followed that up with two goals and five points in 21 post-season games.

Former Canucks head coach and current Rangers head coach Alain Vigneault is enjoying a playoff run. JAMIE SABAU/GETTY IMAGES

No regrets for Vigneault

Just putting this out there: May 22 marks one year since the Canucks fired Alain Vigneault.

Well, here we are, and the New York Rangers, with Vigneault as their head coach, can take a 3-0 series lead on the Montreal Canadiens in the Eastern Conference finals on that date.

Vigneault coached for seven seasons in Vancouver, and was sent packing after back-to-back first-round exits from the Stanley Cup playoffs. Those disappointments followed the team's run to the championship series.

After so many years and drastically underwhelming and underachieving in the playoffs in two consecutive years near the end of his tenure, his time here was simply at an end and change seemed necessary.

But he's certainly done all right for himself, and could be coaching in the Stanley Cup finals for the second time in four years.

MLS

'Caps' cohesion at a new high as they face best in west

Put the names of professional athletes together on a piece of paper, and boy it sure can look great as a potential lineup. Yet it doesn't always translate into tangible success.

Yet the Vancouver Whitecaps, under first-year head coach Carl Robinson, seemed to have discovered something with their current roster.

It's comprised of players that bring many different traits — like speed in Erik Hurtado and Darren Mattocks, to deft skill on the ball in Pedro Morales, to size and strength in Matias Laba and Gershon Koffie, to youth in Kekuta Manneh and recently recalled Omar Salgado, to experience in Jay DeMerit and Andy O'Brien, to a plethora of dynamic personalities.

Through 10 regular season games, the local Major League Soccer side has a 4-2-4 record heading into its derby match with the Seattle Sounders FC in front of what will be a sell-out crowd at BC Place Stadium on Saturday.

For such a critical match against a strong opponent, the Whitecaps have been a loose and energetic bunch in the last two days of practice.

"You could see, the more time we spend with each other in the dressing room and the training pitch, that bond is getting stronger," said Nigel Reo-Coker, who appears set to start at right back against Seattle.

CAM TUCKER/METRO

MLB

Jays' Encarnacion fights off Red Sox

Edwin Encarnacion continued his torrid run through May, which is only two-thirds over.

Encarnacion hit a pair of two-run homers for Toronto as the Blue Jays took a big lead early and held on to beat the slumping Boston Red Sox 7-4 on Tuesday night.

Encarnacion has hit nine of his 11 homers this season this month, which has 10 days left.

"He is pretty good," Toronto manager John Gibbons said.

"It's usually just a matter of time."

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Heat beat Pacers, tie series, on to Miami

One win each. LeBron leads Miami in decisive fourth-quarter run

Miami's Norris Cole goes to the basket as David West and Roy Hibbert of the Indiana Pacers defend during Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals on Tuesday in Indianapolis. The series is now tied 1-1. ANDY LIONS/GETTY IMAGES

LeBron James scored six straight points to spark a decisive 12-2 run, and the Miami Heat beat the Indiana Pacers 87-83 on Tuesday night to leave the Eastern Conference finals tied at a game apiece.

James had 12 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter. Dwyane Wade had 23 points, 13 in the first half when the Heat desperately needed them to stay close, and 10 more in the fourth quarter when they had to rally.

Game 3 is Saturday in Miami.

Lance Stephenson tied his playoff career high with 25 points for the Pacers. Paul George scored 14.

The Heat trailed 73-69 with 7:19 left. But James hit a three-pointer, and then scored the first six points in the rally and the Heat defence gave up only eight points over the final five minutes.

Miami has won 11 straight games following a playoff loss and still has not trailed 2-0 in a series since the first round of the 2012 playoffs.

At times, the rough-and-tumble night took on the aura of a football game, especially late.

George and Wade banged knees while chasing a loose ball, then returned following the ensuing timeout. James crashed hard awkwardly to the floor when West was called for a flagrant one foul in the fourth quarter — a call later changed to a common foul following a replay review.

"That's what's it's about," James said. "It's not going to be pretty. Not in the Eastern Conference. It's never pretty basketball in the Eastern Conference. It's about who can sustain runs. You know, who can get defensive stops? Who can not turn the ball over and who can get great shots? I think we did that in the fourth."

Defence clearly was the theme of Game 2.

Two days after allowing the Pacers to score 107 points, their most in this year's post-season, Miami rallied in the first half by holding Indiana to just nine points over one 10-minute stretch. And they flipped the game late with a suffocating defence, too.

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Villeneuve back to the grid

Canadian driver Jacques Villeneuve has dabbled in a number of racing series over the last few years, tried his hand at broadcasting and hopes to eventually finish recording his next music album. His immediate focus is preparing for a return to the Indy 500 this weekend. It has made Villeneuve's busy season even more hectic, but it's a change of pace that he welcomes. DARON CUMMINGS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA draft lottery

Another Canadian headed to Ohio?

The Cleveland Cavaliers continued their remarkable lottery luck Tuesday, winning the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft for the second straight year.

After drafting Toronto's Anthony Bennett this year, the Cavs can now choose among the likes of Thornhill, Ont.'s Andrew Wiggins and Joel Embiid of Kansas, Duke's Jabari Parker, or another player from what's considered a deep draft.

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2014 Dodge Dart

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel drive compact sedan
- **Engines (hp).** 2.0-litre inline four-cylinder (160), 1.4-litre inline turbo-charged four-cylinder (160), 2.4-litre inline four-cylinder (184)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $17,690

Market position

The all-new Dodge Dart debuted for model year 2013 desperately looking to make some headway for Chrysler in Canada's largest and most competitive segment: compact car. Dart makes its case with a slightly bigger body and interior than the competition, stylish looks, and very modern infotainment accoutrements.

Points

- All-new vehicle in 2013, with a North American specific design, developed from a Fiat architecture first utilized on Alfa Romeo Giulietta.
- Five models for 2014: SE, SXT, Aero, Limited, GT.
- Exclusive to Aero model is 1.4 turbo and dual-clutch automatic transmission (optional), which offers a fuel economy rating of 7.2 L/100 km city and 4.9 L/100 km highway (39/58 mpg).

The extra blackness of Rally Group's wheels really pops.

Safety

Constructed of 68 per cent high-strength steel; 10 standard air bags; standard four-wheel disc brakes, traction control and stability control; available rear backup camera, blind spot monitoring, rear cross path detection, ParkSense Rear Park Assist; LATCH anchors that allow child seat to be placed in three rear-seat seat positions.

DRIVE

One competent compact

Review. Love it or not, the 2014 Dodge Dart is a comely and well-equipped beast

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Depending on how you like your compact car configured, you'll either love or ignore the 2014 Dodge Dart.

If you like base models, with their keen pricing and the extra fuel efficiency provided by their smallish engines, you might want to look elsewhere.

The Dodge SE base model's 2.0-litre engine is neither fuel efficient nor snappy.

If you want to spend a bit more, and can, the Aero model is very fuel-efficient and snappy. Its high-tech 1.4-litre turbo engine, with 160 horsepower and 184 lb-ft of torque, is entertaining, especially when mated to the six-speed manual. Its only other transmission option is a fancy-pants dual-clutch version that promises quick and fun shifts in either self-shifting or automatic mode. But that transmission's "herky-jerky" manners at low speeds around town has not won it many fans.

So for model year 2015, Chrysler decided a couple of adjustments were in order for Dart.

The engine and transmission combination that did get some love from customers was the conventional six-speed automatic transmission and the 2.4-litre "Tigershark" Multi-Air engine with 184 horsepower and 171 lb-ft of torque. In 2013 the Tigershark was only available on the top-shelf GT model. For 2014, the engine has been made standard on the mid-level SXT and Limited models, as well as GT.

Hallelujah.

Our test victim was one of these newly endowed Darts — an SXT, outfitted with the six-speed automatic. Energuide rates this vehicle at 9.2 L/100 km City, and 6.3 Highway.

It's a comely and well-equipped beast.

The extra blackness of the Rally Group's aluminum wheels and front grille really "pops" amid the overall whiteness of this particular SXT. I always thought the Dart was a handsome vehicle; this black-and-white version is even more so.

On the road, the Dart feels really stable and confident and comfortable — a result of lots of European-based Fiat and Alfa engineering in its chassis DNA. While the engine and transmission combo are super smooth and powerful, I wouldn't call it charismatic. But that large, unstressed engine really suits the Dart.

Compare

1 Honda Civic Sedan
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2 Hyundai Elantra
Base price: $17,594
Brought new sense of style to the compact segment. Roomy, with decent ride.

3 Mazda3
Base price: $17,690
Newest and most technically endowed of the compact competitors.

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Maybe it's all the lyrical love artists lavish on the Maybach brand that convinced the folks at Daimler to revive the name for a version of their extra-long wheelbase S-class, after a two-year hiatus prompted by a decade of sputtering sales. The new 2015 Mercedes-Benz Maybach personal limousine is set to go on sale this fall. Here are five of the brand's biggest name-drops to gain a clearer understanding of the Maybach mystique.

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5 Maybach musical moments

Jay Z: Heaven

Lyric: "Y'all religion creates division like my Maybach partition/And God is my chauffeur, boy they love Hova."

Translation: In this nugget from the second single off Magna Carta Holy Grail Jayhova comes down from his mountain and attempts to contrast the strife between sectarian factions with upstairs/downstairs-style wealth inequality. But despite the heavy preaching and biblical rhyme-thumping, the car comes off golden. The main takeaway for listeners is that the place to be is the backseat of a 'Bach with a chauffeur behind the wheel.

Lorde: Royals

Lyric: "But everybody's like Cristal, Maybach, diamonds on your timepiece/jet planes, islands, tigers on a gold leash."

Translation: Simultaneously enticed and repulsed by the ostentatious trappings of the rich and spendy, the arty electro-pop princess prone to dishing on dichotomies ultimately decides that the perks and trinkets accumulated by flush hip-hop stars are outlandish and frivolous. Still, the Kiwi doesn't disparage high-dollar automotive fantasies, as evidenced by her "we're driving Cadillacs in our dreams" refrain.

Rick Ross: Maybach Music

Rozay is the founder of the Maybach Music Group, the Miami-based label that also includes Wale and Meek Mill in their lineup. He's also the living personification of the boss car, especially when Ross is primped up in a sharp suit, silk shirt, and vintage Carreras, looking large and in charge.

Maybach Music, the first in a four-song series, needs no translation. It begins with Aussie supermodel Jessica Gomes who Kanye West name-drops on Christian Dior Denim Flow saying "I like this Maybach music," before smooth instrumentals kick in and Rick Ross motors, "57 Yes, Yes!" a nod to the Maybach model first rolled out in the early '00s during the brand's reintroduction.

Childish Gambino: Backpackers

Lyric: "Summer in November I gave everyone a Maybach"

Translation: Actor Donald Glover's (Troy on Community) rhyme-savvy alter ego has spun a layered double entendre here. It could be construed that he's pulling an Oprah and gifting all his fans a brand new car, but there's more to it. This track comes off his debut LP Camp, which was a winter release, but the songs on the album are all about the lazy days of summer. So, what he's simultaneously doing is giving listeners their "May" back.

Drake ft Jay Z: Pound Cake/ Paris Morton Music 2

Lyric: "I had Benzes 'fore you had braces. The all-black Maybach but I'm not a racist. Inside's whiter than Katy Perry's face is."

Translation: Jay Z is spitting on Drizzy's track and he starts off bragging how much longer he's been in the game than the Canadian rapper before chiming in on the dope colour scheme of the luxe ride he's graduated to. The Katy Perry dig is a reference to the flack the pop star got after dressing up as a Geisha with traditional whiteface makeup for an AMA performance.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
There are many things you have wanted to say but held back because you didn't want to upset people. With the Sun changing signs, you have no choice but to speak up. If you don't, it will be you who suffers.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
For the past few weeks, all eyes have been on you and there were times when you wanted to hide. Now you can, for a bit. Sooner or later though, you'll be back in the spotlight.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Everything is right with the world. Or, if it isn't, it soon will be. The Sun moves into your sign today and a new solar year begins. What are your dreams? Now is the time to get serious.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Now that the Sun is moving into the most receptive area of your chart you will find it easier to deal with your sensitive side. For one thing you won't have to pretend that you never need a shoulder to cry on.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Get out and meet people who share your way of looking at things. On an individual level there is only so much you can do, but acting with others all things become possible.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You've been waiting in the shadows. And now is the hour to step out into the world and claim centre stage. The Sun's move into the career area of your chart will encourage you to be more ambitious.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There will be an obvious change in your mood over the next two or three days. Where before you were high strung and often uptight now you will be relaxed and easygoing.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You seem to have got it into your head that you are entitled to something the world does not seem to want to give you. What happens today will make you realize that you get only what you fight for.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Find ways to get along with people who rub you the wrong way. Like it or not you are going to have to work closely with various individuals over the next few weeks, so forget about your differences.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
As the Sun moves into the work and wellbeing area of your chart today, slow things down — even if it means cutting back on your goals. Getting things done quickly is not as important as getting them done right.

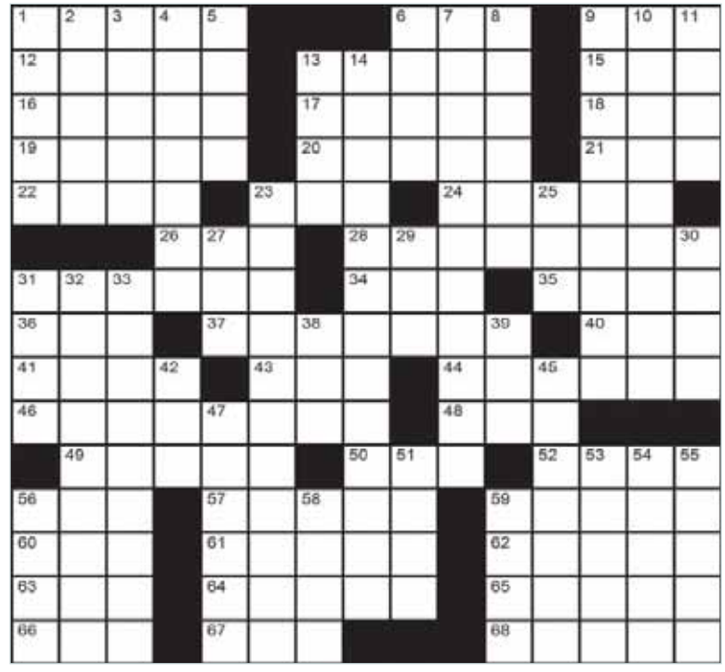
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
All worries of recent weeks will be swept away over the next 24 hours. No matter how difficult things have been for you, you will find new ways to make your dreams come true.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may not be in the mood to put yourself out for others but someone is in need of your assistance and you'll hate yourself in the long-term if you ignore them. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



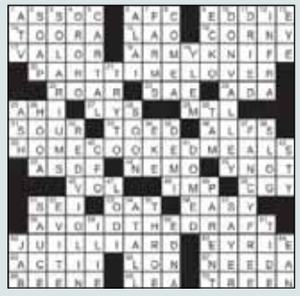
Across

1. Word coined by Tyra Banks for a type of photoshoot expression
6. Wedding doc.
9. ___ TVs
12. __ opposites
13. "Saying it __ __ thing, doing..."
15. Mr. Wallach
16. Cartoon style
17. Victoria, BC-born comedian Mr. Jones
18. Sight: French
19. Ticket remnants
20. Poet T.S.
21. Computer co.
22. Mini message
23. Mauna __ (Hawaiian volcano)
24. David Copperfield's Mr. Heep
26. Scot's refusal
28. James Cameron's gig
31. Stunning
34. Medical pros
35. Actress Elisabeth
36. Skater Midori
37. Designer Isaac
40. Communication syst.
41. 'Sultan' suffixes
43. "__ '_' comes fifth?" (Alphabet-learner's query)
44. Scotland's __ Islands
46. North Vancouver Island village
48. 'Ranch' suffix
49. Ancient Roman dictator
50. "Norma Rae" (1979) actress ...her initials-sharers
52. Mr. Werner
56. Bitty space beings
57. Glass-ceiling lobbies
59. Edgar Poe link
60. "Where __ _ begin?"
61. Subatomic particles
62. Explosive stuff
63. Wrath
64. "All systems __ __!"
65. Donnie Wahlberg's gr.
66. "Shameful!"
67. French possessive
68. 'Mississauga' has four

Down

1. Muscle __
2. Del __ (Canned fruit brand)
3. Trojan War's site
4. Hockey game machine
5. '70s Spanish hit: "__ Tu"
6. Ms. Loughlin
7. "...footprints wherever you choose..." goes this Sarah McLachlan song: 3 wds.
8. Middle
9. Canada's Wonderland roller coaster in Vaughan, ON; or, any huge thing
10. Canadian spices, baking products, etc. brand since 1883: 2 wds.
11. Carpe __!
13. 'Thought'-meaning prefix
14. Product for Canadian food brand Renee's: 2 wds.
23. Manitoba __ (Stop on Prince Charles and Camilla's visit to Winnipeg)
25. 'Acrobat' suffix
27. "Gimme __ '_'!" (Start of a cheer for Manitoba)
29. Mr. Gershwin
30. Trust
31. Filmdom's Cameron
32. Witnesses
33. Starring Joely Fisher, 2003 to '05 series on Canadian actor Chris Potter's resume, "__ __: Wild Card"
38. Madhouse
39. Not standard, briefly
42. Mr. Mineo
45. Anton __ Canadian Mustard, since 1948
47. Doubled-lettered-beginning animals
51. Burkina __ (West Africa nation)
53. Choir voices
54. Montreal 'menu'
55. Door accessories
56. Change
58. Some deer
59. Ms. Hathaway

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

		6			3			9
4				2				
		1				5	7	
2			7	8				5
9			2		6			1
6				9	4			2
	3	8				1		
				7				6
7			9			4		

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	2	5	3	8	1	6	7	4
3	8	6	4	2	7	9	5	1
7	1	4	5	6	9	8	3	2
8	7	9	2	1	5	3	4	6
5	4	1	6	9	3	2	8	7
2	6	3	7	4	8	1	9	5
4	9	8	1	5	6	7	2	3
1	3	2	9	7	4	5	6	8
6	5	7	8	3	2	4	1	9

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DEALER INVOICE PRICING*

+ 0%† FINANCING

HURRY! INVOICE PRICING ENDS MAY 31ST

*Dealer is reimbursed a holdback amount included in invoice price by the manufacturer for each vehicle sold.

2014 ELANTRA L

DEALER INVOICE PRICE: $16,397‡ PLUS GST/PST.

PLUS

OWN IT FOR $79 BI-WEEKLY PAYMENT

WITH 0%† FINANCING FOR 96 MONTHS

AND $0 DOWN

ELANTRA L MANUAL. DEALER INVOICE PRICE INCLUDES $1,197 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS$, FEES (UP TO $499), DELIVERY AND DESTINATION.

OR

2014 ELANTRA GT L

HWY: 5.8L/100 KM CITY: 8.5L/100 KM▼

SE w/ Tech model shown♦
Selling Price: $26,727

STEP UP TO THE WELL EQUIPPED ELANTRA GT FOR AN EXTRA $17 BI-WEEKLY

ELANTRA GT L MANUAL. $96 BI-WEEKLY AT 0.9%† FOR 96 MONTHS WITH $0 DOWN.

DEALER INVOICE PRICE INCLUDES $862 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS$, FEES (UP TO $499), DELIVERY AND DESTINATION.

FEATURES INCLUDE: AIR CONDITIONING ■ AM/FM/ SIRIUS XM™/ CD/MP3 6-SPEAKER AUDIO SYSTEM ■ ABS W/ ELECTRONIC BRAKE FORCE DISTRIBUTION ■ ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL (ESC)

DEALER INVOICE PRICE: $19,182‡ PLUS GST/PST.

HWY: 5.3L/100 KM CITY: 7.6L/100 KM▼

Limited model shown♦
Selling Price: $23,799

5 YEAR WARRANTY

100,000 KM COMPREHENSIVE LIMITED WARRANTY††

HWY: 7.3L/100 KM CITY: 10.2L/100 KM▼

Limited model shown♦
Selling Price: $38,448

2014 SANTA FE SPORT

DEALER INVOICE PRICE: $27,278‡ PLUS GST/PST.

PLUS

OWN IT FOR $136 BI-WEEKLY PAYMENT

WITH 0.9%† FINANCING FOR 96 MONTHS

AND $0 DOWN

SANTA FE SPORT 2.4L FWD. DEALER INVOICE PRICE INCLUDES $1,316 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS$, FEES (UP TO $499), DELIVERY AND DESTINATION.

PLUS GET 0%† FINANCING FOR 96 MONTHS

5 YEAR WARRANTY

5-year/100,000 km Comprehensive Limited Warranty††
5-year/100,000 km Powertrain Warranty
5-year/100,000 km Emission Warranty

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